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There is no doubt that the Middle East summer is upon us as we watch the mercury continue its march upward on the thermometer. The average temperature remains in the upper 80's and lower 90's, with a heat index most days in the triple digits. We hear that the temperatures are even warmer back in the Tidewater Area.

We continue to protect the international shipping lanes from pirates and we are definitely making an impact. We are also providing assistance to mariners sailing in the waters around us. Recently, one of our ships rescued two Yemeni fishermen stranded at sea for over four days without fuel, water, or food. Assistance from USS Winston S. Churchill saved their lives.

Thank you all for the care packages that are flowing in on a regular basis. The staff is sent into a bit of a frenzy when the words "mail call" blares from the ship's public address system. Please keep the packages coming, it's a welcome morale booster. The July Family Calendar arrived but we will keep it sequestered until the first.

We would like to wish happy anniversary to LCDR Gregg and April Miller who will celebrate their 9th wedding anniversary on June 29th. Also, Happy 22nd wedding anniversary wishes to CSC Alvaro and Elizabeth Mazuera. CDR Bryan McRoberts celebrated his birthday last week. CDR Rob Beauchamp and LCDR Jason Stewart both celebrate their birthdays this week. Congratulations to all and best wishes.

As always, we ask that you continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
RDML Pat "Blond" Driscoll
Commander, Carrier Strike Group TEN